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The committee will submit its report within six months.

#### **Study Centres of I.G.N.O.U.**

\*88. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria followed for establishing study centres of Indira Gandhi National Open University;

(b) whether the Government propose to establish such study centres in the Konkar region;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the University has so far established 193 Study Centres in different parts of the country to provide counsel-

ling and library services for its students. The criteria for establishing study centres include the following:

- i) Envirolment in IGNOU's courses;
- ii) Availability of suitable accommodation and academic counsellors;
- iii) Needs of different regions in the country, including backward and remote areas.

The number of study centres established by the University also depends on the availability of financial resources.

(b) to (d). IGNOU has so far established one Regional Centre at Pune and twelve study centres in Maharashtra. At present the University has no proposal to establish a study centre in the Konkan region. The question of establishment of a study centre in the region would depend on its feasibility.

[Translation]

#### **Improvements in Sugar Factories**

\*89. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:  
SHRI RATILAL VERMA:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Study Group constituted by the Government for suggesting improvements in sugar factories and cultivation of sugarcane has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have laid down any time limit for this purpose;